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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2011

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to good; third cutting 94% complete; fourth cutting 12% complete. Corn was mostly fair; 65% silked. Cotton was mostly poor to fair; 85% squaring; 34% setting bolls. Sorghum was mostly fair; 1% headed. Peanuts were mostly fair; 45% pegging. Chile was mostly fair; 37% light pod set and 63% average pod set. Onions 77% harvested. Pecan conditions were mostly good. Apples were mostly fair. Cattle conditions were mostly poor to fair. Sheep conditions were mostly poor. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.9. Topsoil moisture was 65% very short, 30% short and 5% adequate. Wind damage was 15% light and 11% moderate.

CROP PROGRESS
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

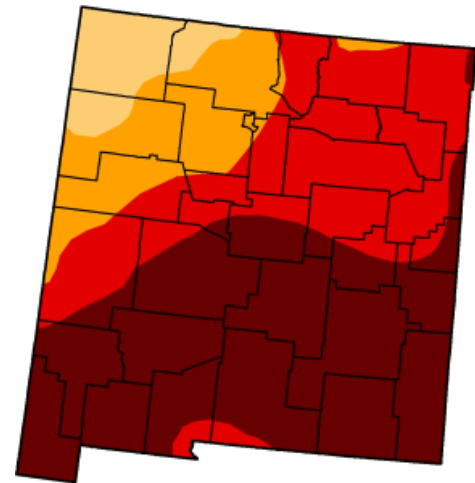
Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	3 rd Cutting	94	80	74	76
Alfalfa	4 th Cutting	12	-	18	16
Corn	Silking	65	47	60	63
Cotton	Squaring	85	80	59	85
Cotton	Set Bolls	34	33	19	48
Onion	Harvested	77	75	89	92
Peanut	Pegging	45	37	54	61
Sorghum	Headed	1	1	5	7
Wheat	Harvest	100	99	99	99

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

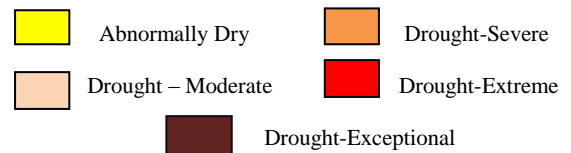
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	1	5	45	34	15
Chile	-	2	63	18	17
Corn	1	16	48	26	9
Cotton	8	30	26	14	22
Peanut	-	8	86	6	-
Pecan	-	1	8	91	-
Sorghum	31	19	44	6	-
Cattle	17	39	30	13	1
Sheep	27	40	22	11	-

Additional Comments: **Guadalupe:** We finally have had some rain and showers. Probably 1/2 inch in a couple of rains right here in Santa Rosa. Very spotty showers. Hopefully the rains do come and the showers continue in a more widespread area. Many ranchers are selling, cutting their herds due to the dry conditions and lack of grass and water. Many are hauling water. Farmers are irrigating their crops for those that have irrigation water. Anton Chico area farmers are without irrigation water the river has gone dry. Many only got one cutting on their alfalfa. **Union:** Corn farmers are abandoning portions of circles or complete circles in some cases, due to lack of rainfall and a shortage of irrigation water. **Socorro:** Scattered showers will increase pasture conditions, if there

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SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

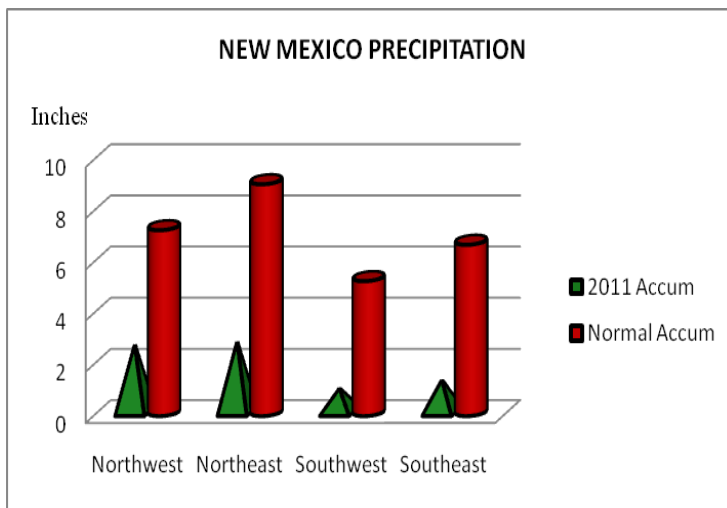
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	38	60	2	-
Northeast	75	23	2	-
Southwest	67	14	19	-
Southeast	59	39	2	-
State Current	65	30	5	-
State-LastWeek	74	25	1	-
State-Last Year	15	25	51	9
State-5-Yr Avg.	18	36	42	4

is viable grass to grow. This will also help extend ranchers ability to hold on to cattle. **Chaves:** Scattered showers, but still hot and dry. **Eddy:** 278 days since the last meaningful rain, did receive 0.08, but it did not penetrate the soil more than 1/16 of an inch. More cattle being sold as feed prices are high.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	48	43	5	5	-
Northeast	69	27	4	-	-
Southwest	49	39	12	-	-
Southeast	45	37	18	-	-
State Current	54	35	10	1	-
State-Last Week	54	36	10	-	-
State-Last Year	6	18	37	33	6
State-5-Yr Avg.	11	25	34	26	3

WEATHER SUMMARY

Showers and thunderstorms developed over the western and central mountains into northeast part of the state this past week. The highest accumulations were reported at Animas with 1.81 inches and Capulin with 1.22 inches. Everywhere else across the state was below one-half of an inch and parts of the far eastern of the state had zero precipitation.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – JULY 18 – JULY 24, 2011								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 18 Jul - 24 Jul	Month 01 Jul-24Jul	Accum. 01 Jan-17Jul	Normal Jul	Normal Jan-Jul
Northwest								
Albuquerque	83.4	97	68	0.32	0.32	0.51	1.37	4.42
Chama	67.2	88	47	0.44	1.04	6.7	2.24	11.08
Farmington	77.9	99	58	0.19	0.42	3.07	0.94	4.31
Gallup	72.6	93	48	0.26	1.86	3.41	1.91	6.10
Grants	73.6	93	55	0.32	0.38	0.71	1.76	4.79
Johnson Ranch	73.9	93	53	0.14	0.14	0.97	1.66	5.43
Los Alamos	72.4	89	55	0.20	0.23	0.84	3.25	9.66
Red River	67.3	91	44	0.77	1.83	6.06	3.01	11.93
Santa Fe	75.8	94	57	0.11	0.75	1.32	2.38	7.64
Northeast								
Capulin	75.8	96	56	1.22	2.45	5.54	3.25	10.52
Clayton	80.9	98	63	0.33	2.06	4.13	2.7	9.00
Clovis	83.7	102	68	0.00	0.86	2.42	2.56	9.57
Las Vegas	74.5	93	55	0.90	0.95	2.28	3.2	9.60
Moriarty	75.9	94	54	0.23	0.71	1.93	2.38	6.37
Raton	77.6	100	52	0.38	1.68	2.96	2.66	9.82
Roy	-	-	-	-	-	1.41	2.97	9.03
Tucumcari	85.0	106	67	0.00	0.05	1.22	3.3	8.57
Southwest								
Animas	80.2	97	63	1.81	1.93	2.00	2.26	4.74
Deming	82.5	99	67	0.02	0.05	0.06	2.15	4.43
Gran Quivira	77.2	96	59	0.24	0.75	0.78	2.81	7.52
Quemado	74.4	95	53	0.31	0.98	1.70	2.37	6.56
Socorro	78.9	97	59	0.10	0.1	0.26	1.44	3.94
T or C	84.0	99	68	0.02	0.54	00.6	1.86	4.44
Southeast								
Alamogordo	83.4	100	65	0.04	0.64	1.54	2.23	5.51
Carlsbad	87.6	105	67	0.00		0.01	1.79	5.74
Carrizozo	78.9	98	60	0.35	0.46	0.62	2.05	5.55
Las Cruces	84.6	101	69	0.12	1.47	2.23	1.36	3.63
Roswell	79.6	98	62	0.73	1.26	1.44	1.99	6.74
Ruidoso	71.1	90	55	0.59	1.01	1.59	4.02	10.99
Tatum	82.6	100	66	0.00	0.89	1.15	2.52	8.69

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.